



# NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe W. Stecher and the Lincoln Police Department and Lancaster County Sheriff's Office announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release:**

The Honorable Warren K. Urbom sentenced John Cisneros to 10 years and one month in prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. The court also ordered the forfeiture of \$579.00 in connection with the illegal drug activity. Cisneros must serve five years on supervised release after completing his prison term. Cisneros conspired with others in Eastern Nebraska to buy and sell over 500 grams of methamphetamine. On June 5, 2008, Lancaster County Sheriff's deputies stopped a vehicle being driven by Brandi Phillips and in which Cisneros was a passenger. Another passenger in the vehicle was arrested on an outstanding warrant and discovered during a search of the vehicle and its contents were methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, items consistent with drug trafficking and \$579.

**Name of Defendant:** John S. Cisneros

**AKA:** Cisneros - "Taz"

**Age:** Cisneros - 20

**City of residence:** Lincoln

**Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty** (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty)

Ct. I - conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine

10 years to life in prison, up to \$4,000,000 fine

Ct. II - forfeiture of \$579 as drug proceeds

Forfeiture

**Specific Location of Alleged Crime:**

**Location of Arrest:** Lincoln

**Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:** over 500 grams of methamphetamine

**Others Charged in Same Scheme:** Brandi L. Phillips

**Relevant Dates:**

**Date of Alleged Crime:** October 1, 2007 through September 1, 2008

**Federal Arrest Date:** January 8, 2009

**Date Complaint Issued:**

**Indictment Returned Date:** December 17, 2008

**Initial Appearance Date:** January 9, 2009

**Plea or Trial and Date(s):** pled April 3, 2009

**Sentencing Date:** June 22, 2009

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:**

**Assigned Magistrate Judge:** David L. Piester

**Held without Bond, or Released from Custody:** held

**In Continuous Custody Since:** April 3, 2009

**Assigned District Court Judge:** Warren k. Urbom

**Initials of Assigned SAUSA/Preparer of THIS Release:** JML